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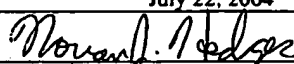
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Copies of cited U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent application publications are not provided in accordance to the waiver of the requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) as announced in the August 5, 2003 *Official Gazette*. Copies of foreign patent references EP 0 194 868, WO 95/31920, WO 96/33641, and 99/21457 were previously cited to and submitted to the Office in prior application 09/791,436, filed on February 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,694,555,

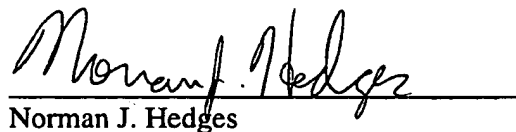
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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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	AE	4,564,965	Jan. 21, 1986	Goodwin	5	689	
	AF	4,599,755	Jul. 15, 1986	Tominaga	5	689	
	AG	4,609,854	Sep. 2, 1986	Yamamoto et al.	318	471	
	AH	4,637,083	Jan. 20, 1987	Goodwin	5	689	
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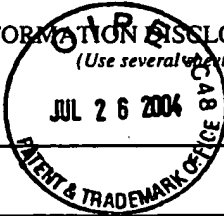
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	BH	4,951,335	Aug. 28, 1990	Eddy	5	709	
	BI	4,967,431	Nov. 6, 1990	Hargest et al.	5	689	
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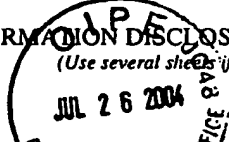
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	CE	5,029,352	Jul. 9, 1991	Hargest et al.	5	6.89	
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	CG	5,105,487	Apr. 21, 1992	Hakamiun et al.	5	6.89	
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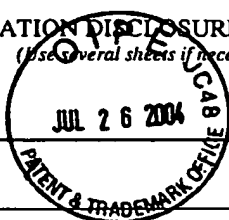
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	DD	5,623,736	Apr. 29, 1997	Soltani et al.	5	689	
	DE	5,647,079	Jul. 15, 1997	Hakamiun et al.	5	714X	
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	DI	5,740,573	Apr. 21, 1998	Boyd	5	711	
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